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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 10, 2005 in this case. This RCE response is timely filed with a petition for extension of time for 5 months with necessary fees. Attached herewith is a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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